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**CITY OF MIDLAND EMPLOYEE FOUND GUILTY IN FEDERAL DRUG CASE**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that 43-year-old David Hill, of Midland, was convicted of 4 counts of distributing cocaine base, also known as "crack," including 1 count of distributing "crack" within 1,000 feet of a school.

Hill faces up to twenty years in federal prison for three of the counts, and faces one to forty years imprisonment for the distribution near the school. Additionally, Hill faces a fine and a term of supervised release to commence after his release from prison on each count.

At trial evidence showed that in 2003, after receiving a tip that Hill was distributing "crack" cocaine, narcotics investigators from the Midland Police Department began investigating Hill. In September and October of 2003, investigators were successful in making four separate purchases of "crack" cocaine using a confidential informant. The last of the drug deals occurred within 1000 feet of the Midland Academy Charter School on October 22, 2003. Testimony from one of the narcotics officers revealed that on that date, Hill - who was a City of Midland employee at the time - had parked his City of Midland dump truck at his home, switched to his personal vehicle, and driven to the location to distribute "crack" cocaine during his lunch break. The evidence offered by the government during the trial included videotapes and audiotapes of Hill meeting with the confidential informant for each of the four drug deals.

This case was investigated by the Midland Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Parras.

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